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0 385 255 Sep. 5, 1990 European

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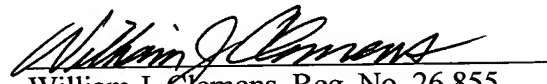
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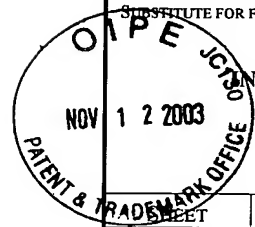

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